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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

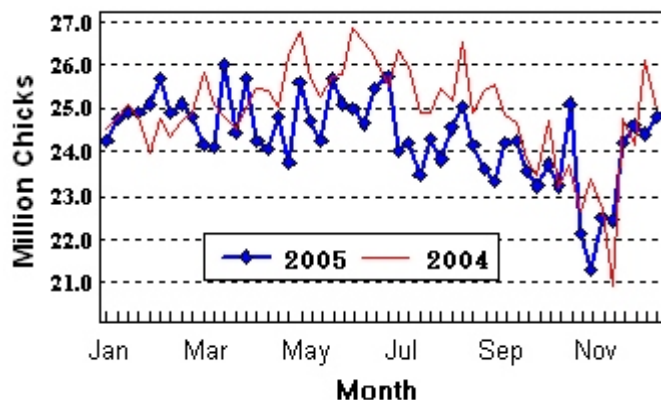
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending December 31, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and upsightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through December 31, 2005 were 1.29 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.8 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

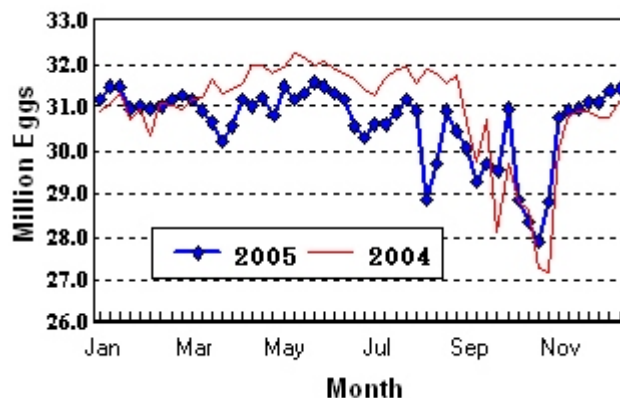
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 31, 2005, up slightly from the same period last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Nov. 26	20,983	22,459	107	22,520	23,880	106	30,922	30,960	100
Dec. 3	24,740	24,197	98	24,837	25,421	102	30,902	31,101	101
Dec. 10	24,158	24,596	102	25,622	25,541	100	30,746	31,147	101
Dec. 17	26,068	24,418	94	25,593	25,708	100	30,766	31,368	102
Dec. 24	25,011	24,802	99	25,575	25,858	101	31,169	31,406	101
Dec. 31	24,256	24,881	103	25,355	25,845	102	31,195	31,300	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec		26-Nov	03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	
Alabama	31,394 *	31,568	31,311 *	31,112	106	20,419	21,096	21,565	22,002	21,411 *	21,178	100
ARKANSAS	31,147	31,368	31,406	31,300	100	22,459	24,197	24,596	24,418	24,802 *	24,881	103
Delaware	4,047	4,068	4,068	3,964	165	5,897	5,068	5,625	5,854	5,738	5,619	89
Florida	1,389 *	1,362	1,358	1,373	103	1,644	1,719	1,573	1,473	1,593	1,562	102
Georgia	33,390 *	34,470	33,881 *	34,522	102	26,195	26,756	26,557	27,601	27,293 *	26,660	99
Kentucky	7,171	7,096	7,022 *	7,032	93	5,834	5,749	5,871	5,931	5,771 *	5,601	95
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	103	3,507	4,235	3,828	4,057	4,252	3,563	94
Maryland	8,974	9,013	9,013	8,963	103	5,148	5,456	5,443	5,626	5,912	5,512	118
Mississippi	18,661	18,463	18,492	18,659	98	16,395	15,850	16,707	16,535	16,668	16,663	98
N. Carolina	18,116 *	18,997	18,841	18,768	102	13,967	14,963	15,209	15,583	15,407	15,061	107
Oklahoma	6,676	6,661	6,621	6,511	101	4,942	5,101	5,181	4,656	5,071	5,165	90
Pennsylvania	4,157 *	3,814 *	3,812 *	3,978	101	3,021	3,099 *	3,003 *	2,853 *	2,781 *	3,057	102
S. Carolina	5,089	5,273	4,945	5,146	108	4,670 *	3,865	4,051	4,579	4,732	4,708	121
Texas	15,160	15,143	15,157	15,200	102	12,759	12,610	12,840	12,808	12,795	12,924	103
Virginia	6,393	6,359	6,373	6,390	102	5,173	5,342	4,876	5,398	6,082 *	5,160	98
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,393	17,926	16,812 *	17,468	103	17,071	16,821	16,398	16,862	15,619 *	16,397	100
Total 2005	213,293 *	215,717 *	213,248 *	214,522		169,101 *	171,927 *	173,323 *	176,236 *	175,927 *	173,711	
Total 2004	209,584	211,111	209,901	208,842		165,545	170,790	171,447	172,727	171,547	172,249	
%Prev. Year	102	102	102	103		102	101	101	102	103	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 31, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 31, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 31, 2005 were 9.04 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.